

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method for operating a filter, the method comprising:

forcibly passing a stream of a fluid through a filter wall of the filter from a raw gas side to a clean gas side of the filter so as to separate out particles and particle constituents from the stream, wherein the particles and particle constituents are collected by the filter wall on the raw gas side; and

performing a regeneration process on the filter during operation of the filter, ~~wherein the regeneration process includes removing~~ to remove particles from the filter wall and moving particle constituents not removed from the raw gas side of the filter by the regeneration process ~~and moving the removed particle constituents~~ to a receiving device disposed on the raw gas side.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the particles include soot and the particle constituents includes ashes.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the regeneration process is performed continuously during operation of the filter.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the moving of the particle constituents is performed continuously during operation of the filter.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the fluid is a gas.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the filter is a particle filter for an internal combustion engine.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A method for operating a filter, the method comprising:

forcibly passing a stream of a fluid through a filter wall of the filter from a raw gas side to a clean gas side of the filter so as to separate out particles and particle constituents from the stream, wherein the particles and particle constituents are collected on the raw gas side; and performing a regeneration process on the filter during operation of the filter, ~~wherein the regeneration process includes removing to remove particles from the filter wall and disposing of the particle constituents not removed from the raw gas side of the filter by the regeneration process and disposing of the removed particle constituents~~, wherein the filter wall includes a plurality of channels on the raw gas side, each channel closed by a closure wall configured to be partially opened to enable the disposing of the particle constituents.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein that the fluid stream is imparted with a pulsating flow to move the removed particle constituents to the receiving device.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 13, further comprising feeding a pressurized medium into the filter on the raw gas side to move the removed particle constituents to the receiving device.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the pressurized medium is pressurized air.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein a portion of the fluid stream flows through the receiving device.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the receiving device includes a regenerable filter surface.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 13, further comprising a step of

passing a medium that moves the removed particle constituents to the receiving device through
~~wherein~~ the receiving device ~~includes and out of~~ a flow outlet leading out of the receiving device
and into ~~and connected to~~ the clean gas side.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 25 13, further comprising
~~wherein the closing an~~ outlet leading out of the clean gas side of the filter ~~is closable and passing~~
a medium that moves the removed particle constituents to the receiving device through the
receiving device and out of a flow outlet leading out of the receiving device.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the regeneration
process includes feeding nitrogen dioxide into the filter.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the regeneration
process is performed thermally.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A filter comprising:

a filter wall dividing a clean gas side and a raw gas side of the filter and configured to
separate out particles and particle constituents from a stream of fluid passing through the wall
and to enable the particles ~~and particle constituents~~ to be removed in a regeneration process; and

a receiving device configured to receive a flow of the fluid from the raw gas side of the
filter therethrough ~~during the regeneration process~~ and to receive and hold the particle
constituents, wherein the receiving device is connectable on the raw gas side of the filter wall.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The filter as recited in claim 29, wherein the receiving device
is removably connectable to the filter wall.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A filter comprising:

a filter wall dividing a clean gas side and a raw gas side of the filter and configured to
separate out particles and particle constituents from a stream of fluid passing through the filter
wall and to enable the particles ~~and particle constituents~~ to be removed in a regeneration process,

wherein the filter wall includes a plurality of channels on the raw gas side, each channel ~~including being closed by~~ a closure wall configured to be at least partially ~~opened~~ openable so as to enable disposal of the particle constituents.